

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, serious illness, accident or injury can happen to anyone at any time regardless of health status; and

WHEREAS, it is in everyone's best interest to have their goals and values known at times of incapacity and at end-of-life; and

WHEREAS, based on recommendations from the Attorney General's End-of-Life Task Force, the Vermont General Assembly passed a comprehensive Advance Directive Law in 2005; and

WHEREAS, a component of Vermont's Advance Directive Law was the establishment of the Vermont Advance Directive Registry in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Advance Directive Registry is an important tool for making an individual's documents immediately available to health care providers in need of information about critical health decisions and end-of-life wishes through an electronic database; and

WHEREAS, by completing an advanced directive, Vermonters are able to communicate their health care goals, preferences and priorities in advance of a health crisis.

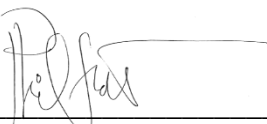
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 16-21, 2017 as

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE WEEK

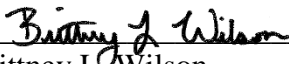
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18th day of April, A.D. 2017.





Philip B. Scott
Governor



Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs